

Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC)
Economic Services Administration/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Sub-Committee Matrix
 Revised: November 2009

Current Issues									
Issue/Date		Review Date	Expected Outcome	Bud get	Outcome Based Performance Measures	Variance	Action Plan to Address Variance	Due Date	Assignment State/Tribe
1	Asst. Sec. Troy Hutson to attend at least one ESA Sub-Committee meeting	8/11/08 12/5/08 3/2/09	Voice concerns, face to face relationship		Knowledge for Committee members	Open dates available. List topics, concerns	Troy will maintain same level of participation. Directors or designee will attend	Ongoing 3/2/09: Has attended all	Sarah Colleen Sotomish
2	Tribal reps serve on Customer Services Advisory Committee.	3/2/09			Tribes will have representatives to voice concerns	Rebecca Peck, Samish Tribe			Rebecca Peck, Samish Tribe
3	Pilot project for a TANF Tribe to determine eligibility for Basic Food & Medicaid for families, children, and pregnant women.	Ongoing Will update quarterly 3/2/09 11/09	TANF Tribes authorize and issue food and medical benefits for their Tribal communities.		RFP completed May 23, 2007 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe selected as pilot site Quarterly planning meetings to design pilot (7/07, 9/07, 1/08, 4/08, 8/08, 11/08) Other meetings held as needed CMS approved Medicaid State Plan Amendment for PGST to do medical eligibility for family/children/pregnancy Medicaid. Services issues resolved 8/2008. Demonstration Project request submitted to USDA 9/30/08. Proposal, evaluation plan approved by USDA. System changes mostly complete. Remaining changes are minimal; need desktops and systems access at Tribe. IGA signed May 11, 2009 between DSHS and PGST. Planning training schedule, targeted to begin July 2009. BF approved; systems access in progress, IGA signed May 11 betw. DSHS / PGST. Clarified Medicaid SPA scope, closed remaining issues. Training began Aug. 09.		Next Action: PGST to work with CMS and HRSA to finalize cost allocation plan for Medicaid reimbursement specific to the pilot. The plan is approved and being finalized with HRSA. Second Medicaid SPA is pending with CMS (expanding services to include non-Native American households for initial intake). Clarification is pending around what the service expansion means for CMS. Complete IT installation at PGST site and test connectivity. Begin Training. Continue and complete training. Ensure billing processes in place and functional for federal match. Fully Implement PGST Pilot. Evaluate Pilot Ongoing.	Ongoing	Rebecca Henrie, CSD

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4	Better resource sharing at the local level with CSO; i.e., training, data, employment	11/6/07 3/2/09 11/09					Quarterly updates from regions	In process Moved 3/2/09 from last section	David Rendan Colleen F. Cawston
5	Tribal TANF WAC Development	In progress 3/2/09 11/09	Working collaboratively with Tribes to develop WAC for Tribal TANF		11/09: Draft WAC will be submitted.	Address concerns presented by Tribes about scope and intent of the project	Sept 10 th letter to Tribal Chairs seeking input on next steps	Ongoing	Sarah Colleen Sotomish Mike Mowrey, Sandy Jsames

TOP THREE PRIORITIES:

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Respect for Government to Government Relations

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1	11/6/07 State Tribal cooperation & coordination	11/09	quarterly meetings First Thursday on month after IPAC at 10 am (February, May, August, November)		Regular meetings				
2	11/6/07 WAC's Recognize the unique needs and sovereignty of each tribe						Cross education and training?	Ongoing 3/2/09: Combined 2-4, added sovereignty	

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Regulations

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1	11/6/07 Can we define fair and equitable and develop methods for calculating the amount?	3/09	Reserved for each tribe to negotiate with state. STRO will write position paper, then completed					Ongoing 11/09	STRO

2	11/6/07 What is the allowable MOE cost for state, meaning programs that receive MOE credit?		WAC Development workgroup					Ongoing	
3	11/6/07 No fixed formula for counting AI numbers for new Tribes coming on		STRO will write a position paper, then competed						
4	11/6/07 How will this WAC be written to secure the individual culture of each tribe?		WAC Development workgroup				Formal consultation at end of WAC development process, prior to submission	In progress 3/2/09	
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Funding									
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1	11/6/07 WACs encourage the Tribes to assume other DSHS functions, i.e., food program, child care, economic development		Better Service		Pilot at Port Gamble (In first section) Provide information to Tribes.			Ongoing 11/09	
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Reporting									
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1	11/6/07 Streamline Reporting		WAC developed					Ongoing 11/09	
2	11/6/07 Appropriate use of MOE & annual reports on program operations.		WAC developed					Ongoing 11/09	
3	Keep reporting simple and similar to federal reporting		WAC developed					Ongoing 11/09	
4	WACs parallel the federal regulations		WAC developed					Ongoing 11/09	
5	11/06/07 Where is current report info being provided (i.e., to leg.gov sub)? Should there be a defined process to communicate the report to (leg/gov)?		STRO will write position paper, then completed					Ongoing 11/09	STRO
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Maintenance of Effort									

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1	11/06/07 MOE rollover / carryover; what do we want to roll over and carry over?		Combine with reporting?				11/09: Will not address in WAC		
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Communication/Consultation Protocols									
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1	11/06/07 How will we work together to draft WAC and decide on the final draft language?		Workgroup					In progress 11/09: still in progress	
2	11/06/07 How to ensure everyone can review and comment on drafts?		Workgroup					In progress 11/09: still in progress	
3	11/06/07 Ensure we all receive regular updates and know current status		Workgroup					In progress 11/09: still in progress	
4	11/06/07 Clear Plan and opportunity for input re: process		Workgroup					In progress 11/09: still in progress	
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Explore how tribes can use EBT cards for their benefits									
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1	11/06/07 How will we promote culturally relevant work?		State will listen to the tribes.				Will continue to listen to Tribes as they bring issues to IPAC and ESA Subcom.	Ongoing 11/09	

Questions???????

1. Will this process affect working agreements?
2. Should we only address the 2 required by law?
3. How were the four (4) areas of WAC Development determined?
4. Will there be a RCW to go with the WAC?
5. Understanding the need to develop WAC and why?

Completed Items

1. 8/11/08; Tribal input into ESA Strategic Plans; ESA will provide the plans prior to the next meeting; Sarah Colleen Sotomish will seek tribal input; completed 12/08.

2. 8/11/08; Tribal representatives to serve on our advisory committees; recruitment Tribes will have representatives to voice concerns; Rebecca Peck, John Stevens will attend, with Jolene Sullivan as alternate; completed 12/08.
3. Further development of vocational rehabilitation; DVR assigned to ESA Subcommittee, DVR reorganized into three areas and 3 managers hired; will ask Lynnae Rutledge to be at 10/08 IPAC meeting.; completed 10/08.
4. 11/6/08: funding for emergent needs, i.e. significant caseload increase; completed 3/2/09
5. 11/6/08: Provide additional funding for tribe to continue serving past 60 months; completed 3/2/09.
6. 11/6/08: baseline consistency; completed 3/2/09.
7. 11/6/08: allow tribes full ACES access; completed 3/2/09
8. 11/6/07: Address the reconciliation issue; not included in Tribal TANF agreements
9. 11/6/07: protection of Tribal data; data share agreement expected to protect both Tribal and State data; 11/09: language exists in agreements
10. 11/6/07: how to address dual eligibility; 11/09: not included in Tribal TANF Agreements.

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1	DVR will expand its 7.01 planning activities with Tribes and RAIOS	11/08 3/2/09 11/09	Improved government to government and partnership relationships		DVR will have 7.01 plans with all Tribes and RAIOS 3/2/09: meeting requests were sent to Tribes and RAIOS without VR programs 11/09: 7.01 meetings planned with Jamestown and Lower Elwha, had meeting with Muckleshoot.			In progress	Ron Falberg, David Hankinson, Teresa Kutsch, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson
2	11/12/09: Area 2 has formed a workgroup to develop G2G contract between Tribal and State VR. (Reg. 3 and most of Reg. 4)		Improve services to AI/AN and community members.		Option of having a contract, increase knowledge.			In progress	Region 3 Tribal VR Directors (Samish, Lummi, North Intertribal VR Directors, Ron Falberg, Avreayl Jacobson, Andreas Aguirre)

Completed Items

1. 11/08; Each DVR Area will meet quarterly with Tribal VR programs; Strengthened collaboration, improved services to customers; Tribal VR programs will participate with DVR as partners in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services, problem solving, and enhanced information sharing; Quarterly meetings happening in Area 1 & 2 with Area 3 participating in RTCC 1 meetings and initiating meetings; Regular Tribal VR meetings with Colville and Yakama. Ron Falberg, David Hankinson, Teresa Kutsch, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 3/2/09.
2. 11/08; Tribal VR staff will be invited to participate in DVR staff training; Enhanced staff skills and customer service; Staff's improved skills will lead to services that better meet customers' needs; Dona Furst, Avreayl Jacobson, Kelly Franklin. Completed 3/2/09.

3. 11/08; Annual meeting to review and update MOU with American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Programs, DVR and the Department of Services for the Blind; Continued refinement of shared values, program expectations and teamwork opportunities; Changes to MOU occur as needed. Strengthened working relationship continues. Opportunity for formal discussion and decision making is institutionalized; The 2008 meeting occurred in Yakima Dec. 9th. The 2009 meeting will be scheduled earlier in the fall. Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson; completed 3/2/09
4. 11/08; Support to Tribal VR programs that lost Federal grant funds; Chehalis and Skokomish will receive money to continue serving current clients; DVR will support the continued services to current Tribal VR customers; Lynnae Ruttledge, Lorie Christoferson, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 3/2/09.
5. 11/08; Governor's appointments to the State Independent Living Council (SILC) and Washington State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC); Lummi Tribe representative on SILC.
6. Colville Tribe Representative on WSRC; Mutual opportunities for extended learning and discussions will enhance policy and service development; Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 12/08.
7. 11/08; DVR will support and send leadership and field staff to the Yakama Nation's 2008 Disabilities Conference; DVR staff will have opportunities to improve their cultural competence and understanding of the needs of Tribal VR programs and community members; Mutual opportunities for extended learning and discussions will enhance policy and service development; Lynnae Ruttledge, Kelly Franklin, Avreayl Jacobson. Completed 12/08.